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Department of Education

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Memorandum

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To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsoring Organizations

From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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Subject: Fire and Health Inspection Update

The Department of Education participated in a meeting with the Sponsoring Organization Network and USDA on September 14, 2005. One of the agreed upon action items from this meeting is the development of a task force to work towards a multi-directional approach to identify acceptable alternatives for quality fire and health inspections. ADE agreed to identify qualifications/criteria of what is an acceptable local authority and based on the defined parameters, the task force will use the information, determining satisfactory ways to utilize local authorities for required annual fire and health inspections. ADE also clearly stated that sponsoring organization personnel is not considered a local authority.

Because of the creation and the direction of the task force, ADE will allow organizations to continue to work towards the full utilization of local authorities until December 31, 2005. Beginning January 1, 2006, all alternately approved homes will have fire and health inspections conducted by local authorities and all sponsoring organizations will have defined parameters and acceptable alternatives as researched and developed by the task force.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact your assigned specialist.

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